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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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21/02/2014: Operators Jorge CX1SI, Gustavo CX2AM, Oscar CX2FR, Wilson CX2RU, Beto CX3AN, Julio CX4AAE, Luis CX4AAJ, Mario CX4CR, Rainer CX8FB, and Ghis CX5DNT (ON5NT), all members of either the Radio Club Uruguayo or the Uruguay DX Group get on the air as CW5F from Timeteo Dominguez Island (SA-057) from the 21st to the 26th of February. QSL via ON5NT, direct or bureau.

21/02/2014: Brian, K1LI, once more wants to operate from Dominica (NA-101) as J7Y between 21st February and 10th March 2014, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March). QSL via hone call. [DXNL]

21/02/2014: Bill, W4WV, and Ed, KN4KL, will be active again from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015, WLOTA 0358) as KG4WV and KG4KL, repectively. QRV from 21st February and 7th March 2014 using SSB, RTTY, PSK, CW, and probably SSTV. QSLs via homecalls.

21/02/2014: Carlos, LU8DCH/D, joins the South America Lighthouse Weekend (21-23 February) from the island and lighthouse Martin Garcia (SA-055, ARLHS ARG-045). QSL only via direct to home callsign.

21/02/2014: Operators Vassilis, SV1CNS, Ioannis, SV1EIW, Michalis, SV1ONV, Nikos, SV1EIG, John, SV1ONK, Dimitris, SV1CDM, Manos, SV1ME, Marios, SV1QEC, John, SV1QEY, and Minas, SV1ELI, are joining forces, forming a large team to operate as SX1AA in the CQWW 160m SSB Contest (February 21-23). QSL via SV1QXU (bureau) or direct via SV1CNS. Website: www.qsl.net/sv1cns [DXNL]

21/02/2014: Gildas, F6HMQ, is now active as TO22C from the island of Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA 0644) until 6th March 2014. Activity all bands + entry in ARRL SSB Contest (1-2 March). QSL via F6HMQ. [DX World]

21/02/2014: Orlando, PT2OP, plans his participation in the South America LH-Weekend (21-23 February) with the call ZZ8S. QTH is the lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-050, WLOTA 0348, DFB MA-04) on Santana Island (SA-016, DIB MA-06). QSL via PT2OP, bureau or direct.

22/02/2014: Paul, ON6DP, activates the Fort de Dave (WCA ON-00488, BCA NM-056) as OO6DP/p on the 22nd of February 2014. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via ON6DP, bureau or direct. [DXNL]

22/02/2014: Thomas, AA9A, will once again be active as PJ7AA from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between 22 February and 16 March 2014. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW. [NG3K]

23/02/2014: Members of Radio Club Provincial Llanquihue (CE7LL) plan to be active as 3G7PM from Isla Guafo (IOTA SA-018, Grid Loc. FE26), and lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-021, TWLHD WLH CE-020, WLOTA 1522), commune of Quellon, Chiloe province, Los Lagos region, southern Chile, between 23-28 February, 2014. Note: this activation is valid for Antarctic Challenge. More info to follow... [DX World]

24/02/2014: Look for Klaus, DK1AX and Heidi, DK1MA to be active holiday style as A35AX from Tongatapu (OC-049) and Vava'u (OC-064), between 24 February and 7

March 2014. Plans are to be active on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ClubLog OQRS is preferred. [DX World]

24/02/2014: Werner, DJ9KH, will be active as ZD8D from Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) between 24th February and 11th March 2014, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March). QRV holiday-style mainly on 160-40m (with options on 60m and 6m) in CW. During the second week of his stay Werner will be joined by Axel, DK9BDN (he has received the call ZD8BDN, but both operators plan a joint effort as ZD8D). Wolf, DK1IP, will act as their pilot station. QSL via DL9HO (bureau, OQRS), LoTW within three months of their return. Website: www.zd8d.de/index.php?home

25/02/2014: Alan, G3XAQ, will return to Kampala, Uganda, and operate as 5X1XA between 25th February and 16 March 2014. CW only activity on the HF bands. Alan will also participate in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSL via G3SWH OQRS and LoTW. Log will be hosted by ClubLog. [NG3K]

25/02/2014: Kaz, JA1IST, will be active from Noumea, New Caledonia (OC-032, WLOTA 1280) between 25th February and 1st March. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [DX World]

25/02/2014: John, KF0RQ, will return to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on a DX vacation between 25 February and 21 March 2014, using the callsign XU7ACQ. QRV on 40-10m SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via KF0RQ. Online log is hosted by ClubLog. [DX World]

26/02/2014: Elmo, EA5BYP will be active from Isla de Annobon (AF-039, WLOTA 0174) as 3C0BYP between 26th February and 8th March 2014. QRV on the HF bands using SSB, RTTY and slow CW. Further information and updates can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/3C0BYP [DX World]

26/02/2014: Bill, N6MW, will be active as V73MW from the Long Island Hotel, Majuro Beach, Majuro Atoll (OC-029), Ratak Chain, Republic of the Marshall Islands, between 26th February and 4th March 2014. The emphasis will be on 160 and 80 metre CW with some 20m RTTY and possible 17m SSB gap fillers. The latter bands may turn out to be largely times when EU is available since operations will dominantly be at local night time. QSL via M0URX ONLY: by OQRS preferred (direct or bureau - see m0urx.com/oqrs). Online log will be hosted by Club Log. [DX World]

27/02/2014: Dom, M1TKA, will be active from The Gambia as C5/M1KTA between 27th February and 10th March 2014. QRV holiday-style using QRP on 20-10m. QSL via home call and LoTW. Webpage: m1kta-qrp.blogspot.co.uk/) [DX World]

28/02/2014: Silvano, I2YSB and his team (Vinicio IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA, Stefano IK2HKT, Alfeo I1HJT and Mac JA3USA) will be active as 9J2T from Zambia from 28th February to 17th March 2014. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW. Further information, including real-time logsearch, QSLling details and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at www.i2ysb.com/idt. The pilot stations will be IK7JWY and (for 6m) IK0FTA; there will be a dedicated forum on www.hamradioweb.org/. [425 DX News]

LOOKING AHEAD -

01/03/2014: Look for special event station 8N2HHH to be active on all bands and modes between 1st March and 16th June 2014 for the Hamanako Flower Expo (or Hana Haku) 2014 / The 31st Japan Parks and Urban Green Fair in Shizuoka-city (JCC 1801). Shizuoka-city is located in Shizuoka prefecture, Chubu region, on the island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

05/03/2014: Between 5-11th March 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/4 operated by Tim N4GN located in the city of Louisville, Jefferson County, State of Kentucky and W1AW/7 operated by Scott K7ZO located in the city of Boise, Ada County, State of Idaho. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

12/03/2014: From 12-18th March 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/7 operated by Ed AA7A located in the city of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, State of Arizona and W1AW/8 operated by Steve N8BJQ located in the city of New Carlisle, Champaign County, State of Ohio. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

19/03/2014: From 19-25th March 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/4 operated by Ned K1GU located in the city of Friendsville, Blount County, State of Tennessee and W1AW/5 operated by Bruce AA5B located in the city of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

25/03/2014: Ofcom have advised that licensed amateurs with a main station address in Scotland will be permitted to use the special prefix "A" - GA, MA, 2A - instead of the usual "M" for the period of 25th January (Burns Night) to 30th November (St. Andrews Day), during 2014. GMDX (www.gmdx.org.uk) will be instituting an award scheme for working these special prefixes throughout the period. More to follow.. [DX World]

26/03/2014: Between 26th March and 1st April 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/0 operated by Jason NR0X located in La Porte City, Black Hawk County, State of Iowa and W1AW/1 operated by Mitch W1SJ located in the city of Essex, Chittenden County, State of Vermont. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

21/02/2014: I, Italy - Michele, IZ7XNB, and the Barivm DX Team will celebrate Marconi's first radio contact between Bari in Italy and Bar in Montenegro with the call IY7M. The prefix IY is only issued for stations commemorating Marconi's achievements. QRV until June 22. QSL via IZ7XNB and eQSL. Website: barivmdxteam.jimdo.com/ [DXNL]

21/02/2014: LU, Argentina - AY1DZ will be put on the air all year long in honour of Alberto, LU1DZ, wo died in December 2013. QSL via LW3DG, LoTW and eQSL. [DXNL]

21/02/2014: OM, Slovak Republic - Roman, OM3TOW, member of staff of the Slovakian telecommunication authority will use the special call OM44LTE all year long to mark the introduction of the 4th generation LTE standard for mobile communications in Slovakia. QSL only direct via OM3RP and eQSL. [DXNL]

21/02/2014: QRV until 25th February 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/4 operated by Peter N8PR located in the city of Hollywood, Broward County, State of Florida and W1AW/8 operated by Randy AA8R located in the city of Grant, Newaygo County, State of Michigan. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

The 6th South America Lighthouse Weekend, sponsored by The Grupo de DX Bahia Blanca (LU3DXG), takes place from the 21st to the 23rd of February 2014. Full information, rules and complete list of participants can be found on their

website at: www.grupodxbb.com.ar/

21/02-23/02 LU8DCH/D: Martin Garcia WLOL:ARG-045 QSL H/c (d)
21/02-23/02 ZZ8S: Santana Island DFB:MA-04 WLOL:BRA-050 WLOTA:0348 QSL PT2OP (d/B)
22/02-16/03 PJ7AA: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL AA9A (d)
23/02-28/02 3G7PM: Isla Guafo WLH:CE-020 WLOL:CHI-021 WLOTA:1522 QSL CE7LL (d)
25/02-01/03 FK/JA1IST: New Caledonia WLOTA:1280 QSL H/c (d/B)
26/02-08/03 3C0BYP: Isla de Annobon - Pagalu WLOTA:0174 QSL EA5BYP (d)

6 METRES & UP -

23/02-24/02 North Carolina QSO Party 6m-2m classes 23 1500z-24 0059z
25/02 LY 2.4GHz & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
25/02 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
25/02 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1800z-2200z
25/02 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
26/02 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
28/03-17/03 9J2T: Zambia DXpedition 6m CW/SSB/RTTY QSL I2YSB OQRS

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_feb.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

FT5ZM OQRS -
Those of our readers who already requested their direct QSL for FT5ZM via their OQRS should check their paypal accounts whether the transaction went through. If not, the advice is to remove the transaction and renew the online QSL request.

QSLs via Bureau: 4S7FMG, 4Z5FI, 5T0SP, 7P8JK, 9H25Y, A73A, G100C, II9IGA, IP2ANT, IR8ACN, IR7WFF/P, OL140FIRE, ON2CYV, PA13KING, PC13KING, RW3LG/MM, T30PY and YO50FIRAC.

QSLs via Direct: A25JK (WB6OJB), AU2MQT [AS-153] (VU2NRO), GI4ONL (QRZ.com), XR0YY (EB7DX), YB9Y [OC-276] (OQRS), Z60A (OH2BH), ZA/IZ4JMA (H/c), ZL1IR (QRZ.com) and ZS8C [AF-021] (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 9M6UY, 9M8WB, FG/DK7UY/P, JX7DFA and OY/G3ZAY.

BITS & PIECES -

Press Release 7
Mellish Reef 2014
February 19, 2014

Congratulations to the FT5ZM team for their excellent operation.

Mellish Reef DX-pedition is scheduled for March 28, 2014 to April 9, 2014.

Status:
Our equipment is on the way to Australia and the team is making last minute preparations for their journey to Australia. An advance team will arrive in Mackay, Australia on March 18th to begin the process of retrieving equipment from storage and preparing for the sea voyage. We'll be assembling several

antennas for final tuning and to verify all the parts arrived. The generators will be tested and prepared for sea shipment. We'll have 2 small generators, 1.5KW each and 4 new 4KW inverters. Antennas will include two 18 meter SpiderPoles w/auto-tuners in the water using specially designed bases loaned to us by George Wallner, AA7JV who was on Mellish Reef with the 2009 DX-pedition, 2 folding hex beams, and several SteppIR BigIR and CrankIR antennas. We have an Inmarsat Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) satellite terminal for uploading logs daily to our QSL manager, as well as photos - if time permits. LoTW will be uploaded shortly after we return home.

Donation to local Boy / Girl Scout Council:
At the conclusion of the DX-pedition locally purchased items such as tents, tarps and tools will be donated to the Mackay City Central (Boy / Girl) Scout Council. We've arranged for them to help us with the disposition of gear that would be too expensive to ship to EU or the US.

Leaderboard:
After a team discussion the Leaderboard will not be used for VK9MT.

Global Pilot Team:
The pilot team will manage communication between the island team and DXers. While on the island we will not be checking personal e-mail accounts. Please direct operational suggestions to the designated pilot for your region. The Pilots will not have the logs so please do not ask them to verify QSOs. If you think your call is missing or busted while we are on the reef please work us again. After we leave the reef direct all logging questions to our QSL Manager, Tim M0URX tim at m0urx.com

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Europe: Col MM0NDX dxer59 at gmail.com
New Zealand / Australia: Lee ZL2AL leezl2al at gmail.com
South America: L PT7WA pt7wa at globo.com
Oceania: Stan KH6CG stan at models.net
Africa: Andre A51B anro at iway.na

Upcoming Hamfest Season:
Several members of the VK9MT on-island team will be attending the Dayton Hamvention and the Friedrichshafen Ham Radio - International Exhibition for Radio Amateurs, as well as local ham club meetings and conventions.

Fund Raising:
We are honored to receive a grant from the ARRL's Colvin Award Committee. The Colvin Award is funded by an endowment established by Lloyd Colvin, W6KG (SK), who, with his wife Iris, W6QL (SK), logged more than 1 million contacts during their world travels, and assembling one of the largest QSL collections in the world.

Like all DX-peditions to rare and semi-rare DXCC entities, donations are welcomed through vk9mt.com please use the Donate Button on the web site to insure your name is automatically added to the donor list, or by check / money order in US dollars to:

Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition
Gene Spinelli, Treasurer
PO Box 189
Divide, CO
USA 80814

For our friends outside the USA please use PayPal or e-mail for wire transfer instructions: info at vk9mt.com

We appreciate the generosity of the foundations, clubs and individuals who have already made a donation or a commitment. At the completion of the DX-pedition a financial summary will be sent to all club / foundation donors.

For additional information please e-mail: info at vk9mt.com

Beginning on, or about, March 19th we will send regular updates to the DX bulletins as we consolidate the equipment load the boat and set sail for Mellish Reef.

73,
Team Mellish 2014

Caribbean Activity -
John, KB8RJ, and his YL Christina, WD8KUR, will be visiting various locations in the Caribbean during the next two months and get on the air holiday-style. See their itinerary:
Feb 24 - March 03 PJ7/Homecall Sint Maartin (NA-105)
Feb 24 - March 03 FS/Homecall St. Martin (NA-105)
March 03 - March 10 PJ5/Homecall Saba (NA-145)
QRV mainly in SSB on the known IOTA frequencies.
QSLs via KB8RJ, direct only

CY0, Sable Island (WWFF VEFF-120) -
Aaron, VA1AXC, has now taken up a work assignment with "Parks Canada", working as an Operations Coordinator on the island for two months at a time. He plans to get on the air as CY0/VA1AXC, using equipment left by the CY0P team in October last year. Please be patient with Aaron, he already got his ham ticket eight years ago, but is new to HF. QSL via JE1LET, direct only. Canada Flora & Fauna award program information can be found at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/veff.html [DXNL]

Taehuksan Island (AS-093) -
Kang, DS4DRE, announces a long term activation of Taehuksan Island (AS-093) as DS4DRE/4. QRV until the year's end on 80-10m in SSB and CW. QSL via DS4DRE (d/B).

ZD9M, Gough Island -
Pierre, ZS1HF takes up the position of radio technician on Gough Island (AF-030) after the passing of the current radio technician. The polar supply ship will hopefully depart Cape Town for Gough during the week 19 to 21 Feb 2014. QSL Manager is ZS1A. More details soon. Pierre's previous tour of duty was as ZS8M on Marion Island during 2010 / 2011. [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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